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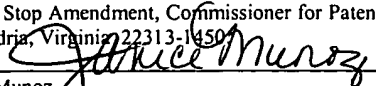
In re Applicants:	Robert A. Parrott	§	Art Unit:	3672
Serial No.:	10/708,766	§		
Filed:	March 24, 2004	§	Examiner:	Matthew J. Smith
Title:	System For Connecting Downhole Tools	§	Docket No.	22.1543 (SHL.0281US)

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 7, 2006, and is to be considered a replacement to the Reply to Office Action dated April 5, 2006, which was filed on July 5, 2006. Attached hereto are a claim listing, as indicated in the attached CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; a DRAWING AMENDMENTS section; a SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS; and a REMARKS section.

Date of Deposit: October 5, 2006  
I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as **first class mail** with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.  
  
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